

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by: (AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF RECOVERY BY THE CONNECTICUT INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 38a-844 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 3 (1) Any person recovering any moneys under sections 38a-836 to
- 4 38a-853, inclusive, shall be deemed to have assigned his rights under
- 5 the policy to said association to the extent of his recovery from said
- 6 association. Every insured or claimant seeking the protection of said
- 7 sections shall cooperate with said association to the same extent as
- 8 such person would have been required to cooperate with the insolvent
- 9 insurer. Said association shall have no cause of action against any
- insured of the insolvent insurer for any sums it has paid out to such
- insured except such causes of action as the insolvent insurer would
- 12 have had if such sums had been paid by the insolvent insurer. In the
- 13 case of an insolvent insurer operating on a plan with assessment
- 14 liability, payments of claims of said association shall not operate to
- 15 reduce the liability of insureds to the receiver, liquidator, or statutory
- 16 successor for unpaid assessments.

- (2) The receiver, liquidator, or statutory successor of an insolvent insurer shall be bound by determinations of covered claim eligibility under sections 38a-836 to 38a-853, inclusive, and by settlements of claims made by said association or any similar organization having a like function to that of said association in another state. The court having jurisdiction shall grant such claims priority equal to that to which the claimant would have been entitled in the absence of said sections 38a-836 to 38a-853, inclusive, against the assets of the insolvent insurer. The expenses of said association or any similar organization having a like function to that of said association in handling claims shall be accorded the same priority as the receiver's or liquidator's expenses.
- (3) Said association shall periodically file with the receiver or liquidator of the insolvent insurer statements of the covered claims paid by said association, the expenses paid for the processing of covered claims paid or contested and estimates of anticipated claims on said association, and expenses of processing such claims which shall preserve the rights of said association against the assets of the insolvent insurer.
- (4) The association shall have the right to recover from the following persons the amount of any covered claim paid on behalf of such person pursuant to sections 38a-836 to 38a-853, inclusive: (A) Any person who is an affiliate of the insolvent insurer and whose liability obligations to other persons are satisfied in whole or in part by payments made under this chapter; and (B) any insured whose net worth on December thirty-first of the year next preceding the date the insurer becomes an insolvent insurer exceeds fifty million dollars and whose liability obligations to other persons are satisfied in whole or in part by payments made under said sections. For purposes of this subdivision, "insured" does not include a municipality, as defined in section 7-148, [or] of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, the Second Injury Fund, established in section 31-354, or a self-insured nonprofit healthcare facility with a net worth that does not exceed one

- 50 <u>hundred million dollars, not including dedicated restricted</u>
- 51 endowment funds.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	from passage	38a-844

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that the Connecticut Insurance Guaranty Association may not recover the amount of covered claims from nonprofit healthcare facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]